

Chambers of District Judge Amul R. Thapar
206 U.S. Courthouse, 101 Barr Street, Lexington, KY 40507
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Amul R. Thapar
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1969
Education: Boston Col 1991 BS; Boalt Hall 1994 JD
Began Service: January 4, 2008
Appointed By: President George W. Bush

Academic: Adjunct Professor, College of Law, University of Cincinnati (1996-1997); Trial Advocacy Instructor, The Law Center, Georgetown University (1999-2000); Adjunct Professor, College of Law, University of Cincinnati (2002-2006)

Clerkships: Law Clerk, Chambers of District Judge S. Arthur Spiegel, United States District Court for the Southern District of Ohio (1994-1996); Law Clerk, Chambers of Circuit Judge Nathaniel R. Jones, United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit (1996-1997)

Corporate: General Counsel, Equalfooting.com (2000-2001)

Government: Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Columbia District, Executive Office for United States Attorneys, United States Department of Justice (1999-2000); Assistant U.S. Attorney, Ohio - Southern District, Executive Office for United States Attorneys, United States Department of Justice (2002-2003); Assistant U.S. Attorney, Criminal Division, Ohio - Southern District, United States Department of Justice (2006); U.S. Attorney, Kentucky - Eastern District, Executive Office for United States Attorneys, United States Department of Justice (2006-2007)

Legal Practice: Associate, Williams & Connolly LLP (1997-1999); Associate, Cincinnati, OH Office, Squire, Sanders & Dempsey L.L.P. (2001-2002)

Chambers of Senior Judge G. Wix Unthank
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G. Wix Unthank
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1923
Education: Miami 1950 JD
Began Service: 1980
Appointed By: President Jimmy Carter

Government: Assistant U.S. Attorney, Kentucky - Eastern District, Executive Office for United States Attorneys, United States Department of Justice, Lyndon B. Johnson Administration (1966-1969); Commonwealth Attorney, 26th District, Commonwealth of Kentucky (1970-1980)

Judicial: Judge, Kentucky District Court, 26th Judicial District (1950-1957)

Legal Practice: Private Practice (1957-1966)

Military Service: United States Army (1940-1945)

Current Memberships: American Bar Association; American Judicature Society; The Florida Bar; Kentucky Bar Association

Staff

Career Law Clerk **John Brian Cutcher** (606) 864-0264
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Career Law Clerk **Needham Vancleave Smith** (606) 877-7910
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Education: Vanderbilt 1988 JD

Chambers of Senior Judge Henry Rupert Wilhoit, Jr.
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Henry Rupert Wilhoit, Jr.
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1935
Education: Kentucky 1960 LLB
Began Service: 1981
Appointed By: President Ronald Reagan

Government: City Attorney, Office of the City Attorney, City of Grayson, Kentucky (1962-1966); County Attorney, Office of the County Attorney, County of Carter, Kentucky (1966-1970)

Legal Practice: Partner, Wilhoit & Wilhoit (1960-1981)

Current Memberships: American College of Trial Lawyers; Federal Judges Association; Kentucky Bar Association

Staff

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William O. Bertelsman
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1936
Education: Xavier (OH) 1958 BA; Cincinnati 1961 JD
Began Service: November 29, 1979
Appointed By: President Jimmy Carter

Academic: Faculty, College of Law, University of Cincinnati (1965-1972); Faculty, Federal Judicial Center (1981-1982)

Government: City Attorney and Prosecutor, Office of the City Prosecutor, City of Covington, Kentucky (1962-1969)

Legal Practice: Partner, Bertelsman & Bertelsman (1962-1979)

Military Service: Ohio and Kentucky National Guard (1958-1963); United States Army (1963-1964)

Nonprofit: Faculty, ALI-ABA, The American Law Institute

Current Memberships: American Bar Association; American Judicature Society; Judicial Conference of the United States; Kentucky Bar Association; Northern Kentucky Bar Association

Staff

Law Clerk **Vicki Christian** (859) 392-7900
Began Service: January 2008
Term Expires: December 31, 2011
Education: Salmon P Chase 1991 JD
Career Law Clerk **Dawn L. Rogers** (859) 392-7900
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Education: George Washington 1995 JD
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Karl S. Forester
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1940
Education: Kentucky 1962 BA, 1966 JD
Began Service: July 27, 1988
Appointed By: President Ronald Reagan

Legal Practice: Attorney, Eugene Goss, Esq (1966-1968); Partner, Goss & Forester (1968-1975); Partner, Forester, Forester, Buttermore & Turner (1976-1988)

Current Memberships: American Association for Justice; American Judicature Society; Harlan County Bar Association; Kentucky Bar Association

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Education: Centre 1991 BS; Kentucky 1994 JD
Law Clerk **Penny R. Warren** (859) 233-2625
Education: Arkansas 1971 MBA; Kentucky 1979 JD
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Joseph M. Hood
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1942
Education: Kentucky 1965 BS, 1972 JD
Began Service: May 1, 1990
Appointed By: President George H.W. Bush

Academic: Graduate Assistant in Economics, University of Kentucky (1965-1966)

Clerkships: Law Clerk The Honorable David Hermansdorfer, United States District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky (1972-1976)

Judicial: Magistrate Judge, United States District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky (1976-1990); Chief Judge, United States District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky (2005-2007)

Military Service: United States Army (1966-1970)

Current Memberships: Fayette County Bar Association; Federal Judges Association; Kentucky Bar Association; Sixth Circuit District Judges Association

Staff

Law Clerk **Joseph Ballard** (859) 233-2415
Career Law Clerk **Mary Ann Miranda** (859) 233-2415
Education: Transylvania 1997 BA;
Vanderbilt 2002 JD
Career Law Clerk **Emily Morris** (859) 233-2415
Began Service: 2006
Education: Transylvania 2003 BA;
Kentucky 2006 JD
Court Reporter **Ann Banta** (502) 545-1090

Chambers of Magistrate Judge J. Gregory Wehrman
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J. Gregory Wehrman
Magistrate Judge

Date of Birth: 1944
Education: Cincinnati 1966 BA; Kentucky 1969 JD
Began Service: January 1992
Term Expires: 2016
Political Affiliation: Republican

Judicial: Magistrate Judge (part-time), United States District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky (1975-1992)

Legal Practice: Private Practice (1969-1992)

Current Memberships: Kentucky Bar Association; Northern Kentucky Bar Association

Staff

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James B. Todd
Magistrate Judge

Date of Birth: 1939
Education: Kentucky 1963 BS, 1966 JD
Began Service: April 1, 1994

Legal Practice: Private Practice (1966-1994)

Staff

Career Law Clerk **Donald W. Stanford** (859) 233-2697
Education: Murray State U 1974 BS;
Kentucky 1979 JD
Secretary **Susan Adkins** (859) 233-2697

Chambers of Magistrate Judge Robert E. Wier
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Robert E. Wier
Magistrate Judge

Began Service: September 2006
Term Expires: August 2014

Staff

Law Clerk **Demick Wright** (859) 233-2503
Began Service: September 11, 2006